

Question (1): Is there any restriction for incomers to Jordan due to COVID-19, for foreign offeror?

Answer: For now, the Jordanian Government imposes a 14 day mandatory quarantine for all personnel entering Jordan. The offeror shall take this into consideration and follow host government laws and regulations. The offeror is responsible for all expenses.

Question (2): Can you please confirm the plug type?

Answer: Plug type is 'Nema 20R 230'

Question (3): Can you confirm that Jordan standards on a 230V supply voltage and 50Hz and have five associated plug types C, D, F, G and J?

Answer: Confirmed. Electrical Voltage is 220-230V / 50Hz and the plug type is 'Nema 20R 230'

Question (4): The required number of in-table "button type" microphones inside each room, as the small size rooms require 1no. While the larger size rooms require 2no.

Answer: Contractor shall ensure that the provided microphone(s) provide full coverage for the entire meeting room space. The total number of microphones needed to achieve this criteria shall be subject to compliance with the specifications (Attachment A, section 7, Clause (viii)), and with ANSI/INFOCOMM 10:2013 (Attachment A, Section 3, Clause (i),7c)

Question (5): Please advise if the table AV boxes shall be supplied by the bidder, since we noticed during our site visit that some rooms include table AV boxes.

Answer: Table Boxes shall be supplied by the contractor, and installation shall be coordinated with the U.S. Embassy.

Question (6): Please advise if floor boxes are to be supplied and installed by the bidder for the rooms that do not include any floor box.

Answer: Floor boxes are not required nor included in this project.

Question (7): Please advise if any required first fix works (conduits/boxes, etc...) shall be supplied and installed by the bidder?

Answer: Confirmed. Table boxes, conduits, and pull boxes and associated cable pathway accessories shall be provided by the contractor in compliance with to the codes and standards of the U.S. Embassy.

Question (8): Please confirm that the PCs include graphic cards with dual HDMI outputs.

Answer: Confirmed. PCs will have the ability to output two (2) Video Signal Sources. This would be either HDMI or Display Port Interfaces.

Question (9): Please advise if the provided schematics for the two-display rooms are the same for the single-display rooms. If not, please provide schematic diagram for the rooms that include one display.

Answer: Schematics diagrams are a logical representation of the signal flow. The schematic for the single display room is the same as the dual display room.

Question (10): Please advise the type of wall mount speakers, i.e. passive or powered speakers, since the schematic diagram do not include power amplifier.

Answer: The speakers shall be self-powered unless indicated on the schematic diagram by showing a connection to a power amplifier. This case is only occurring within the rooms that have existing ceiling speakers.

Question (11): As indicated in AV signal flow diagram, it's required Nx Table Microphones. The microphones will be supplied by the contractor as third party or by the US-DOSSince CISCO Webex room kit has an optional table microphones.

Answer: The contractor is responsible for supplying the microphones that are compatible with the video conferencing codec referenced (Cisco Webex Room Kit). Furthermore, Contractor shall ensure that the provided microphone(s) provide full coverage for the entire meeting room space. The total number of microphones needed to achieve this criteria shall be subject to compliance with the specifications (Attachment A, section 7, Clause (viii)), and with ANSI/INFOCOMM 10:2013 (Attachment A, Section 3, Clause (i),7c)

Question (12): If supplying the microphones under the contractor scope, the microphones applications will for conferencing only or some voice lift is required too.

Answer: Microphone is only required for audio/video conferencing.

Question (13): Is it possible to provide external DVB-T encoder rather than the internal one in the same display.

Answer: Please refer to Attachment A, section 7 Clause (x). The Flat Panel Display shall have an integrated DVB-T decoder. The suggested alternative is not accepted.

Question (14): Location of the touch screen will be on the table or credenza?

Answer: The touch screen shall be located at the table.

Question (15): What is the ceiling height of each meeting room?

Answer: Ceiling Height is 2.80m across all rooms.

Question (16): Number of wall speakers is not indicated in the RFP BOQ, This should be selected by the contractor to get the premium coverage.

Answer: Please refer to the attached drawings; the exact number of speakers is as indicated in the layouts.

Question (17): Is it possible to propose cardioid microphone rather than the omnidirectional microphone taking in consideration to provide full coverage in each table.

Answer: The contractor is responsible for supplying the microphones that are compatible with the video conferencing codec referenced (Cisco Webex Room Kit). Furthermore, Contractor shall ensure that the provided microphone(s) provide full coverage for the entire meeting room space. The total number of microphones needed to achieve this criteria shall be subject to compliance with the specifications (Attachment A, section 7, Clause (viii)), and with ANSI/INFOCOMM 10:2013 (Attachment A, Section 3,

Clause (i),7c). The microphone shall be able to provide omnidirectional coverage. That said, the polar pattern can be cardioid as it is not specified, provided that the above criteria is achieved.

Question (18): The U.S. Embassy has a customs exemption certificate from the host government, would the embassy provide us with such certificate and clearing authorization letters to clear shipments from Jordan customs in case of importing consignments and the embassy as consignee?

Answer: The custom exemption will be furnished from the U.S. Embassy after contract award (if needed). For value added tax, VAT is not applicable to this contract and shall not be included in the CLIN rates or Invoices because the U.S. Embassy has a tax exemption certificate from the host government. Refer to section 1 in the solicitation.

Question (20): Kindly advice if insurance of Jordan social security which covers all of our employees is acceptable instead of DBA "Defense Base Act" insurance or it must be covered by private insurance company.

Answer: The Offeror shall include Defense Base Act (DBA) insurance premium costs covering employees, The U.S. Embassy will not accept alternative insurance. Refer to section 3 in the solicitation.

Question (21): Kindly advice if the 100 working days includes delivery, installation and testing of the project.

Answer: The offeror shall submit a detailed work schedule as part of his quotation and to include the number of days required to complete the work. This shall be taken into consideration during the evaluation process. Refer to section 3 point 4 "Offeror strategic plan"

Question (22): Please confirm that Civil and electrical works are under our scope in the solicitation.

Answer: Confirmed. Civil and electrical works are under the contractor scope of work and in accordance to the solicitation requirements, and subject to U.S. Embassy codes and standards.

Question (23): Kindly confirm of equivalent models are acceptable that are not mentioned from the brand list.

Answer: The provided brand list is not exhaustive. No exhaustive list of approved brands will provided by the U.S. Embassy. Brands of equal performance can be approved and upon evaluation based on compliance with the specifications. Refer to section one, point 8 "BRAND NAME OR EQUIAL"

Question (24): Kindly advice if we have to quote / supply the table Top microphone connected to the Webex-Mentioned.

Answer: The contractor is responsible for supplying the microphones that are compatible with the video conferencing codec referenced (Cisco Webex Room Kit). Furthermore, Contractor shall ensure that the provided microphone(s) provide full coverage for the entire meeting room space. The total number of microphones needed to achieve this criteria shall be subject to compliance with the specifications (Attachment A, section 7, Clause (viii)), and with ANSI/INFOCOMM 10:2013 (Attachment A, Section 3, Clause (i),7c).

Question (25): Kindly advice if the auxiliary interface is in our scope of work or not? If yes, please provide us with specs, color and approved brands. Also please advise the mounting type of the interface (Wall or table).

Answer: As indicated on the drawing, the Auxiliary connections are built into or placed on the table and are part of the offeror's scope of work. The final finish material and configuration shall be coordinated with the U.S. Embassy on a room-by-room basis.

Question (26): Please confirm that we have to supply amplifiers for the existing speaker.

Answer: Confirmed. Please refer to Attachment A section 7 (vii)

Question (27): Kindly advice if equivalent and compatible TV screen brackets are acceptable.

Answer: Confirmed. The offeror shall submit relevant datasheets subject to evaluation.

Question (28): Kindly advice if it's possible to use the matrix with controller and power amplifier in one device.

Answer: The offeror shall ensure that he will provide a matrix switcher in compliance with Attachment A, Section 7 Clause (xi). However offeror may present this as an alternative option, taking into consideration that the consolidated functions of the switcher, controller, and power amplifier) shall each comply with their own specifications referenced at clauses xi, xii, and vii of section 7 respectively.

Question (29): Regarding the below point, please advise what is meant by a waiver or exception and what is concerned party to issue such an exception as we need to check the impact on our company is this won't be considered a local tax. And what is the amount when this tax apply on the contract?

JAMES ZADROGA 9/11 VICTIMS HEALTH AND COMPENSATION ACT OF 2010 NOTICE: UNLESS A WAIVER OR EXCEPTION APPLIES, PAYMENTS SUBSEQUENT TO THIS PROCUREMENT ARE SUBJECT TO AN EXCISE TAX OF 2% PERSUANT TO 26 U.S.C. 5000C.

Answer: Exemptions from withholding under this provision are described at 26 CFR 1.5000C-1(d)(5) through (7). **At this time, Jordan does not qualify for a waiver or exemption.** The Offeror would claim an exemption from the withholding by using the Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Form W-14, Certificate of Foreign Contracting Party Receiving Federal Procurement Payments, available via the internet at www.irs.gov/w14 . Any exemption claimed and self-certified on the IRS Form W-14 is subject to audit by the IRS. Any disputes regarding the imposition and collection of the 26 U.S.C. 5000C tax are adjudicated by the IRS as the 26 U.S.C. 5000C tax is a tax matter, not a contract issue. The IRS Form W-14 is provided to the acquiring agency rather than to the IRS. **If exemption is not available at 26 CFR 1.5000C-1(d)(5) through (7), the U.S. Embassy are obligated to withhold and it computes the amount of withholding (2%) and will be deducted from contractor's invoice. James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act of 2010 applies to all federal contracts awarded to foreign persons over the Simplified Acquisition Threshold (SAT) which is currently at \$250,000.00.**

Question (30): The exact location of project and please advise if these meeting rooms are still under construction?

Answer: The meeting rooms are distributed across the Embassy's office building. All the meeting rooms are fully constructed.

Question (31): Please advise if the first fix (Conduits) are installed or not, if not, please advise the type of conduits required and the installation method (surface mounted or embedded)?

Answer: Conduits are not installed and are part of the Offeror's scope of work. EMT Conduits shall be installed behind existing gypsum board and false ceiling.

Question (32): Please advise if there is an existing false ceiling and raised floors and the clear height from finish floor level?

Answer: There are existing false ceilings. No raised floors. Clear height is 2.80 m across all the rooms.

Question (33): Please advise the location of the (rack) cabinets in each meeting room?

Answer: The final AV rack location shall be coordinated with the U.S. embassy and is subject to final room furniture layout. It shall be determined on a room-by-room basis.

Question (34): Please advise if the meeting rooms are already furnished or not?

Answer: No, all meeting rooms are not furnished, if so, the existing furnishings are relocatable.

Question (35): Please advise the method of installation of the microphone conduits and wiring since the final location is on top of meeting table (underground conduits)?

Answer: All the wiring for the tabletop equipment shall be routed through or under the table. The routing options shall be coordinated with the U.S. embassy on a room by room basis.

Question (36): Please advise the bonds required and down payment percentage?

Answer: There are no bond requirements under this solicitation, the Government will determine contractor responsibility by analyzing whether the apparent successful offeror complies with the requirements of FAR 9.1. Refer to section 4. And there will be no down payment, the Contractor should expect payment 30 days after completion of service/delivery of the requested items or 30 days after receipt of invoice at the Embassy's payment office, whichever is later.

Question (37): Please advise acceptance criteria?

Answer: Please refer to section 4 "EVALUATION FACTORS" and section 3 "SOLICITATION PROVISIONS"

Question (38): Please advise if any acoustic designs are required?

Answer: No acoustical calculations are required.

Question (39): Please advise if it is possible to have a site visit for each and every meeting room for pricing purposes?

Answer: The U.S. Embassy will not hold a second site visit, the provided layouts contain the relevant information needed.

Question (40): Can you please confirm the electrical voltage standard that is at the US Embassy?

Answer: Electrical voltage is 220-230V / 50Hz. Refer to Section One, point 16 "Government-Furnished Property (GFP) and Government-Furnished Material (GFM)"